



TUESDAY EVENING, MAR. 24, 1908.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)
Washington, D. C., March 24.

The government has decided to accept the invitation of China to have the battleship fleets visit one of the ports of that country.

Seventeen ministers of Manchester, N. H., have petitioned Congress to abolish race track gambling in the District of Columbia. Their request was submitted today by Senator Gallinger.

News received here from the bedside of Senator Penrose is far from reassuring and his friends in the Senate are very anxious over his condition. The erysipelas which has attacked the Senator's face, has proved to be of a very malignant character. A dispatch from South Carolina says Senator Tillman's condition today shows signs of improvement. Private reports received by Senators indicate little hope that Senator Penrose will live through the day.

With full military honors, the body of Arthur W. Ferguson, formerly executive secretary of the Philippine commission, was this afternoon buried at Oak Hill Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted at St. John's Episcopal church. The pallbearers included a number of prominent government officials.

Mr. Williams created a sensation in the House today by announcing that he would conduct a filibuster unless the republicans should give assurances that they would bring in for consideration of the House certain legislation, consisting principally of measures which the President has recommended for passage.

A razor was the only indication of the existence of Frederick Jeffs, who was left on an uninhabited island in the Pacific ocean, that could be found by the men of the gunboat Yankton, in their search for the lost man.

Three negroes asked the House committee on elections today to set them as members of Congress in place of Representatives Legare, Patterson, and Lever, all of South Carolina. The negroes are Prioleau, of Charleston; Meyer, of Baltimore; and Dautler, of Orangeburg. The claim the whites had registration books from the blacks, thus rendering the negroes powerless to vote.

Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Mar. 24.
SENATE.

Senator Beveridge today replied at some length in the Senate to various criticisms made in opposition to the creation of a tariff commission. He had received hundreds of letters and telegrams favoring the proposition to have experts frame up a plan of revision before Congress begins the work of modifying schedules. The first and most frequent criticism, he said, is that Congress should not part with any of its prerogatives either by having a commission of experts or by passing a joint resolution for the Senate and House committees to inaugurate this work. There is no foundation, he said, for these objections. One is merely investigation and the other scientific research. Neither is of legislative character.

Mr. Beveridge read several precedents showing that investigations in the past have proven beneficial and have been of great assistance in framing tariff bills. The Senate today passed a bill amending the law providing for the registration of trade marks. The method of procedure in applying for registration is changed and more protection is afforded those taking out trade marks.

Two omnibus bills were passed granting pensions and increase of pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the civil war. More than one hundred names were carried.

A bill carrying into effect the judgment of the court of claims in favor of the Cramp shipbuilding firm who built the battleship Indiana was passed. Senator Lodge's bill removing the operation of the U. S. coast shipping laws from foreign vessels trading between the Philippines and this country, and authorizing the Philippine commission to issue licenses to vessels to engage in lightering and other harbor business, was passed.

Having been twice interrupted in his three day speech by death, Senator La Follette, this afternoon concluded his remarks in opposition to the Aldrich financial bill. He has had opportunity to reframe his remarks, thus meeting changed conditions caused by striking out the railroad bond feature and making other modifications.

The Senate passed a bill which provides for the addition of six hundred and twelve officers to the army in order to fill the vacancies caused by the detail of officers to special duty.

HOUSE.

In pursuance of his filibuster tactics, inaugurated yesterday because the House voted to expunge from the Record a speech in which he had said some uncomplimentary things about Mr. Mann, Mr. Sulzer today introduced a "privileged resolution" to strike from the record a speech by Representative Dalzell on "the rules of the House of Representatives."

"I move to lay that resolution on the table," shouted Mr. Mann. Mr. Dalzell jumped to his feet, and the House was in confusion. "I guess I have the floor," asserted Mr. Sulzer, and he said: "I intend that this speech reflects on the intelligence of the membership of this House and was never delivered," exclaimed Sulzer. "On March 18 the gentleman got permission to extend his remarks in the Record. What remark?" No remark? (Loud applause.)

Mr. Sulzer repeated his determination to keep all speeches out of the Record which had not been delivered in the House. Mr. Dalzell agreed that this privilege had been abused and hereafter he would co-operate with Mr. Sulzer to keep such speeches out.

Only 21 democrats stood up for Mr. Sulzer's resolution, and 181 members voted it down. The agricultural appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of over \$11,000,000 was then taken up.

Mr. Sulzer promptly refused unanimous consent for the omission of the first reading of the bill. Thinking the House would have to spend an hour reading the bill, Mr. Sulzer stepped out for lunch. A request for unanimous consent was then repeated and granted.

Bitten by Rabid Man.

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 24—Andy Thompson, a machinist, bitten on the hand by a dog, developed rabies despite the Pasteur treatment. Five physicians overpowered him in a straight jacket. He escaped today and bit three women and two men before he was overpowered to death. Thompson later choked himself to death in his agony by tying a collar around his neck.

News of the Day.

Two children of King Alfonso XII., by a Spanish actress, are suing the heirs for an annuity.

It was said in Portland, Me., that the real reason for Congressman Littlefield's resignation was the growing sentiment against prohibition in Maine.

A dispatch from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says State Senator Starnes P. Franchet is dead. Heart disease following an operation for paralysis of the lower extremities was the cause.

A beautiful woman named Mrs. Portia, who was masquerading as the Countess of Montell, has been arrested in France on the charge of robbing the rooms of wealthy guests in hotels.

The House of Representatives yesterday afternoon passed a bill which would end betting on horse races in the District of Columbia, if concurred in by the Senate and signed by the President.

At a meeting of the directors of the Maryland Savings Bank in Baltimore yesterday Mr. William Woodward Cloud, treasurer of the institution, was elected president, to succeed his father, the late Daniel Cloud.

Without any opposition whatever, ex-Governor John Walter Smith was nominated to fill out the unexpired term of United States Senator William Pickens Whyte, by the democratic members of the Maryland legislature in caucus last night.

A heavy wind and rain storm which raged in portions of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama for 24 hours destroyed much property, injured many persons and caused the death of at least one person, according to reports received last night in New Orleans.

The constitutionality of the oil inspection law of Tennessee was sustained by the U. S. Supreme Court yesterday. That court also announced it had decided that the oil at the Memphis distribution establishment, for southern States, of the general oil company, of Pennsylvania and Ohio, was subjected to the taxation of Tennessee.

Eight-year-old Michael Shremser's dying at the home of his father near Lutrope, Pa., from injuries sustained in a quarrel following a game of marbles in which he had won all the marbles from his companion, a ten-year-old boy. Encouraged at the loss, the latter kicked him in the abdomen, injuring him internally.

The Chicago Tribune prints the result of a canvass of bankers in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa and Indiana to ascertain their position regarding the Aldrich bill. According to the returns, sixty-nine of seventy five bankers oppose the measure. The remaining six declare their belief that it would be better than nothing.

Kaiser Wilhelm, his consort, their fourth son, Prince August; Princess Victoria, many members of his majesty's official family and a number of the royal couple's personal friends left Berlin today for Venice where they will go to Carful to spend several weeks. The imperial yacht Hohenzollern is awaiting their convenience.

Vincenzo Bonanno, once a monk in Italy, was found dead with his throat cut in a house on east Twenty-third street, New York, yesterday morning. He had recently posed as a faith healer. It is said that he knew too much about blackmailers, and his death was a direct result of a certain element now causing much trouble in this country.

Henry Reiber, paying teller, and John Young, auditor of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank of Pittsburgh, one of the largest banking institutions in the State, were placed in jail late yesterday evening by the United States authorities, charged with having embezzled and misappropriated the bank's funds. The bank officials say \$85,000 will cover all losses by the two men, who have admitted that they lost the money in speculation.

A review of the marine casualties of the coast of New England and British North America during the fall and winter seasons just ended, shows that about 350 lives were lost. Of this number 251 persons perished in the wrecks of 10 vessels belonging to the French fishing fleet of St. Pierre, Miquelon, last fall. These vessels foundered in heavy gales which swept the Grand Banks. About 26 Newfoundland fishermen were also lost in these storms.

The Bucks Store and Range Company now talks of entering suit against the Federation of Labor and the labor organization that are members of the federation for triple damages under the Sherman anti-trust law. As a preliminary to this, there is talk of attaching the funds in the treasury of the labor unions. The United Mine Workers, who indorse the boycott of the federation against the stove company, have, it is said, a fund of \$900,000.

Directions have been issued by the Grant state commission, of which Secretary of War Taft is president, to Colonel Brownell, superintendent of the public buildings and grounds, for the early removal of the Olden elm and other historical trees in the Botanical Garden in Washington made necessary for the erection of the Grant memorial. This action was taken on the adverse decision of the House committee to a change in the location of the memorial in order to spare these trees.

D. D. Edwards, a Kentucky desperado, who shot and killed J. W. Davis in sight of the latter's wife and baby Friday night near Chattanooga, Tenn., was captured last night at Trenton, Ga., 25 miles from the former place. Edwards had attempted to disguise himself and was waiting in the station for a train to Birmingham. Edwards recently confessed, while lying in a murder trial that he had killed 15 men. These did not include several negroes killed in a riot in Chicago several years ago. He could not state how many negroes he slew, saying he "never went back to look at people he shot to see if they were dead."

In the House of Representatives yesterday on a resolution introduced by Mr. Mann and by a party vote Congressman Sulzer's speech as it appeared in the Record on Saturday was expurgated because it was not the one he delivered in the House. Mr. Sulzer in an attack upon Mr. Mann repeated and got back into the Record the expurgated speech. The House took up the consideration of District business and ten bills affecting the District were passed. On one of these Representative Sims ticked an amendment which practically means that gambling at Benning must cease. A resolution expressing regret for the death of Senator William James Bryan, of Florida, was passed.

Virginia News.

A marriage license was issued in Washington yesterday to Robert S. Lake and Alice L. Lake, both of Warrenton.

Mr. Walter H. Closs, formerly a well known druggist of Fredericksburg, died Monday at his home in Richmond, aged 36 years.

Mr. Benj. Jones died at his home in King George Friday of typhoid fever. He is survived by his wife and six children.

Reuben O. Hudson, an esteemed citizen of Culpeper, died yesterday aged sixty-one. He was for years connected with the Second National Bank of Culpeper.

At the registrar's office at the University of Virginia the total enrollment, as of February 18, was 778, exactly equalling the enrollment at the same time last year.

William Jennings Bryan yesterday afternoon at Lexington delivered his address on "The Average Man," under the auspices of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. Bryan was met at the station there by a reception committee, with whom he dined.

BI-HOP DEFIED.

Given the full power of a special policeman, David Trout, sexton of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Trenton, N. J., stands guard over the edifice ready to thwart any plan made by Rev. Dr. William A. Frye, named by Bishop Luther B. Wilson as presiding officer of the New Jersey conference to be pastor to take hold of his charge. The six policemen say he will arrest Dr. Frye if it becomes necessary, as the congregation has refused to accept him as its pastor in place of Rev. Dr. Charles O. Jones, the Georgia preacher whom Bishop Wilson and the conference refused to recognize. Unless a compromise is effected within a few days First Church may become independent of the conference. The members have already notified Dr. Frye that they do not desire his services. At the service Sunday morning the congregation was the largest in the history of the edifice. Persons of all denominations heard the eloquent sermon, and after the service Dr. Jones was surrounded by hundreds who pledged their support to aid him in keeping his contract to serve as pastor for one year. Sixteen Trout had been wide as an officer of the law at the instance of the trustees and sworn by Mayor Madden.

HER RECOMMENDATION.
A woman advertised for a cook and the only applicant was a hard-faced lady with a nasty eye.

"Where did you work last?" she was asked.
"At Mrs. Garrison's home."
"Did she give you a reference?"
"No, but Mr. Garrison did."
"Why didn't Mr. Garrison give it to you?"

"Well, you see, mem, she wasn't feeling well and my parting arrangements was made with him. I gave them every satisfaction though, and you needn't think otherwise for here's the letter."

It was curiosity in its way and is given verbatim. The wealth of meaning conveyed by this little masterpiece can best be left to the imagination.
"To whom it may concern," read the letter. "The bearer has worked for us three weeks and I am satisfied."—New York Evening Sun.

[COMMUNICATED.]
ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
Please allow me space in your paper to call attention to the electric light at the intersection of Prince and Fayette streets.

If I am not mistaken the contract with the Alexandria Electric Company expressly states that the lights shall be kept burning all night, and in event they are not, a stipulated sum shall be deducted from each lamp for time not in service. Now, if I am right in my understanding the city has been paying for this light on the basis of full time, when it has not burned properly one-third of the time since Christmas.

It appears to me that it should be some one's duty to report these lights to the proper authorities when they are not kept burning according to contract. I trust you will give this article space in your paper so that the matter will be brought to the attention of the proper officials and they will see that the Alexandria Electric Company comply with their contract.

Everybody's for April has been received from its editors in New York and is in every detail a first-class magazine from start to finish. In its initial article John L. Matthews describes "The New Mississippi." "The Racing Game" puts the race-track fairly before the public and Charles Edwards Russell contributes a sketch of the life and character of Gov. Johnson. "Paris and Parisites" is clever and "The Players" is well illustrated and readable. The fiction of this number is exceptionally good, represented by Booth Tarkington, Justin Miles Forman and other well known writers.

Do not Crowd the Season.
The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is more danger of pneumonia. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, however, and you will have nothing to fear. It always cures, and we have never known a cold to result in pneumonia when it was used. It is pleasant and safe to take. Children like it. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

DIED.
On Monday night at 12 o'clock, after a lingering illness, Mrs. JANE E. PARK, wife of Philip K. Park, aged 33 years. Funeral from the residence of the father of the deceased, Mr. Lambert D. Lyles, 124 north Fayette street, Thursday evening at 4 o'clock. Friends and relatives of the deceased invited to attend. [Pennsylvania papers please copy.]

FREE.
In order to introduce our Fragrant Glycerine Lotion, we will give to each customer who buys a bottle of Cherry Glycerine or Nivola's Hair Tonic during the next 30 days a free bottle of Fragrant Glycerine Lotion absolutely free.

THE MARKET.
Georgetown, D. C., Mar. 24.—Wheat 90-95

Today's Telegraphic News.

Illinois Republicans.
Chicago, Mar. 24.—Five well-known republicans will meet tomorrow night at Springfield. They are the members of the committee on programme and resolutions named by State Chairman Roy C. West, and they will gather to decide as far as they can what kind of a platform is to be given Speaker Joseph G. Cannon for the republican nomination for president.

With the meeting of this committee scheduled, the Chicago Taft Club, which was told not long ago to lie down and play dead, has begun to show signs of life again in the line of a platform proposition. A committee from the club will visit the committee on programme and resolutions when they assemble at Springfield, and in a kindly way super-vise the work. It is said to be the desire of the Taft people to see that the endorsement of Speaker Cannon is not made so ardent that it will blind the delegates to the State convention to the realization that Taft is a candidate. It is declared that there is a strong probability that the Ohio revision plank will be put in the State platform.

The adoption of the Ohio plank is one of the things that the Taft people are anxious to secure. They say it will fit Taft much better than it will Mr. Cannon.

Madame Gould.
New York, Mar. 24.—That Mme Gould spoke truly when she denied report of a secret marriage to Prince Helié de Sagan seems finally pretty well established, else why should she be trying to secure her family's consent to the union now? So much mystery surrounds the Sagan-Gould courtship that it is impossible to quote so much more than rumor as yet. Reports that Count Boni's divorced wife is pleading with her relatives to set the seal of their approval on an alliance with the prince are so well authenticated, however, as to amount practically to certainty.

Miss Helen Gould is understood to have agreed to the marriage, but that George Gould has done so, too, is not so certain. George Gould is trustee of most of Mr. Gould's fortune, and unless he is also susceptible to persuasion financial complications are likely.

Mme. Gould is going to Virginia Hills tomorrow night, and it is said Miss Helen Gould will go with her. It is also rumored the prince will board the train when it passes through Washington.

The Attack on D. W. Stevens.
San Francisco, Mar. 24.—The condition of D. W. Stevens, who, following an attack by four Koreans at the Fairmont Hotel, was shot at the Ferry station, is pronounced by physicians favorable to a speedy recovery today. One bullet struck in the groin, the other in the right lung. Unless complications arise recovery is practically assured.

The Call today prints a sensational story to the effect that the attack is the first move in a holy war declared by the Koreans against the Japanese, and that other bloody acts may be expected. It is asserted that Stevens, as advisor of the Koreans, was practically in the pay of Japan and was condemned to death by the assassins on this account.

Other papers declare that the would-be assassin was a hot-headed student, and that there was no plot.

Head-on Collision.
Burgin, Ky., Mar. 24.—Twelve persons were injured, several fatally, when a passenger and freight train (on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad) met in a head-on collision three miles north of here early today. Both engines were smashed and rolled down a 35-foot embankment with several coaches.

At the time of the collision the passenger train was going 45 miles an hour. As it reached a curve the freight came around. When the trains met the engines struck with a terrific crash and rolled down a bank, carrying several of the freight cars, the two baggage coaches and one of the passenger cars. Members of the freight crew say they had orders to meet the passenger train at Burgin, but the passenger crew say they had no such orders.

The Striking Reporters.
Berlin, Mar. 24.—Representatives of the striking Reichstag reporters have sent word to Chancellor Prince von Bismarck that they regret exceedingly their inability to oblige by resuming publication of national assembly proceedings, but cannot do so until Groeber is forthcoming from Herr Groeber for terming their "swine" and from the president for his failure to reprimand the offending lawmakers. The communication was sent to the chancellor in response to an appeal from him to come to terms on the ground that the public is entitled to full reports of all Reichstag doings, that the strike renders this impossible and that legislative business is consequently virtually tied up. It is understood he is negotiating with the Reichstag party leaders for concessions on their side.

Shot by Night Riders.
Hopkinsville, Ky., Mar. 24.—A band of 25 night riders, masked and armed, rode at midnight into Golden Pond village, in Trigg county, and after firing off guns, went to a hotel and forced Tom Weaver, aged 40, colored, a tobacco packer, to accompany them. The band took Weaver a short distance from the village and withdrew a short distance from him and told him to run. The negro failed to obey promptly and the riders began shooting at him. One bullet entered his shoulder and another his hip. He fell in the road where neighbors found him today in a dying condition. There is no cause for the outrage as far as known.

Duke of Devonshire Dead.
London, Mar. 24.—The Duke of Devonshire a dead of heart disease. Spencer Compton Cavendish, eighth Duke of Devonshire, has long been a prominent figure in British public life. He was born in 1833, and had held at various times the offices of Lord of the Admiralty, Secretary of State for War, Postmaster General, Secretary for Ireland, Secretary of State for India and Lord President of the Council. He had immense land estates in England, wide business interests and was among the wealthiest of British peers.

Mr. John Rilla, of Vining, Ia., says: "I have been suffering with kidney and bladder pills for about a year and they give me no satisfaction as any pill I ever used. I have used them myself with fine results." Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co.

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Attempt to Burn Tenement.

New York, Mar. 24.—What is described by the police as the boldest attempt ever made to burn down a house full of human beings was made early today in the five-story double-decker tenement at 334 east Sixty-third street. That a large loss of life was averted is due to Policeman Dan Barry, as the incendiary planned to cut off all egress of his intended victims. Twenty Italian families with their boarders occupied the place.

Oil had been used to drench the roof until it floated on top of the rain remaining from last night's storm, and all down the stairs was oil, and all spread, the incendiary stopping at intervals to allow pools to collect. Under the stairs leading to the scuttile oil-soaked rugs had been piled and here the flames were started. In the lower hallway the oil had been dashed over the woodwork, and apparently the incendiary had planned to fire this only means of exit to the street, but was frightened away.

One of the tenement's fleeing smoke and raised an alarm by firing his revolver. Barry ran to the building to find the place in a panic. He fought his way up the stairs, finally discovering the fire and was able to put it out before half the tenants had got out of their rooms. Police investigation showed that the tenants have received frequent letters saying they would be burned out unless they left the house, and the attempt is attributed to the Black Hand.

Woman Charged with Murder.
Cleveland, O., Mar. 24.—Mrs. Christina Lipscomb will be arraigned before Police Judge McGannon today upon the charge of murdering her husband, John Lipscomb, who died last Thursday.

Mrs. Lipscomb has made a confession, the police say, that she is guilty. For several weeks Lipscomb lay in the hospital steadily refusing to make a statement. He said he would recover and himself avenge the shooting. He grew weaker, however, and a few minutes before death came whispered the words that gave detectives the clue. Mrs. Lipscomb had said a negro shot her husband while they were returning home from a social visit. Following the funeral Monday the inquest piled up suspicious circumstances.

The doctor who attended Lipscomb's said the dying man told him "my wife did it." Mrs. Lipscomb told the police her husband attacked her at the scene of the shooting. She said this assault was the result of quarrelling and jealousy.

"On that night we were on our way home from a visit," she said. "He began to abuse me and finally seized me as if he would swing me upon the tracks before an approaching street car. I fell to my knees. He drew his revolver. I tore it from him. In the scuffle the weapon discharged once. The bullet struck my husband. Then in my excitement I fired twice more. I threw the gun away."

Demand Will be Refused.
Paris, Mar. 24.—America's demand for the person of Paul Roy, the Frenchman who married Glecia Olla and is accused by her of killing her brother George Ollier, at New Orleans, N. H., last January, is still under consideration at the foreign office with every indication that it will be refused.

The Franco-American extradition treaty does not require the surrender of French citizens charged with crimes in foreign countries, however, and as it has never been customary to do so, the officials question the wisdom of departing in the present case from their usual procedure.

Roy will, of course, be tried in France on what ever charge may be preferred against him, but the general opinion in legal and official circles is that the chances of his conviction are small. He remains at his father's home at Neuilly awaiting action in his case.

The Gillette Case.
Albany, N. Y., Mar. 24.—Reports to the effect that Chester Gillette, condemned to die next week in Auburn prison for the murder of his sweetheart, Grace Brown, whom he drowned in Big Moose lake in the Adirondacks, is likely to be reprieved by the governor, are absolutely without foundation in fact. Governor Hughes still reserves his final announcement on the case awaiting the arrival of some papers to be submitted by friends of Gillette which should have been here last week. Those who know how carefully Governor Hughes has read the official record of the case have absolutely no expectation that he will interfere in the execution.

Banks Closed.
Boston, Mar. 24.—C. J. Fley and Company, stock brokers, who operate three Boston offices with branches in other parts of New England, did not open their doors for business today.

Weidner & Company, brokers with offices here, made an assignment today to James H. Duffy. The amount of their liabilities as yet is not known.

Sheriff Killed.
Denver, Col., Mar. 24.—A dispatch from Billings, Mont., says that Sheriff Webb, of Yellowstone county, was killed this morning in a desperate battle with horse thieves. Details are lacking.

New York Stock Market.
New York, March 24.—There was a brisk demand for stocks at the opening, but in most of the speculative issues heavy selling orders appeared and the supply was so large that some gains were made in the first hour, prices reacted and at the end of the hour, the bulk of the stocks traded in showed only slight change from yesterday's close. It was a general remark that large interests fed stocks out in order to check a too rapid advance. In government bonds the four registered declined 1-4 other bonds firmer.

After the first hour there was renewed strength in the stock market and prices in the latter half of the forenoon made further gains, in some cases reaching new high levels for this movement.

NATURE SPARES.
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The R-te Law.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)
Richmond, Mar. 24.—The decision of the U. S. Supreme Court against the reduced passenger rate clause of North Carolina is variously viewed as the bearing it will have on the Virginia rate case. Lawyers are badly divided. The Attorney General will not be quoted, but it is understood that he thinks Virginia's case is not on all fours with the Carolina case, and that Virginia may hope for a favorable decision on the other hand. A member of the Supreme Court is said to have expressed a most gloomy view as to the outlook for Virginia.

The State democratic committee will probably decide tonight to hold the State convention in Roanoke about June 11, though this cannot be stated positively.

The Railroad Decision.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 23.—No decision in recent years of the U. S. Supreme Court relating to railroads has occasioned so much comment among members of Congress and government officials generally as has those announced yesterday by that tribunal. Holding the Minter freight rate law unconstitutional, because it imposed such excessive fines that the railroads were justly afraid to violate it and thus establish in a test case any rights they might have in the premises, is taken as possibly forecasting a sensitiveness of the court as to the \$29,000,000 fine when the big Standard Oil case eventually comes before it. That the fine is "cruel and excessive" will be the principal defense of the Standard when its case comes before the highest court in the land. Many believe that the decision of the court in the Minnesota case gives the Standard a good fighting chance.

The railroad interests are today taking additional comfort in the language of Justice Brewer, who, in speaking for the court in the Interstate Commerce Commission meat rate case, originating from the charges that the big western roads have been discriminating against the Chicago packers by charging more for transporting live stock from the west to Chicago than for carrying packing house products, said: "It must be remembered that railroads are the private property of their owners, and while, from the public character of the work in which they are engaged, the public has the power to prescribe rules for securing faithful and efficient service and equality between shippers and companies, yet in no proper sense is the public a general manager."

There are those who believe that yesterday's decisions in the Minnesota and North Carolina rate cases forecast a declaration adverse to the federal rate law.

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